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SUBJECT: INCREASED SECURITY PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT CHANCERY AND
RESIDENCE

REF: STATE 042484

1. INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO SECURITY WATCH COMMITTEE
(SWC) INDICATES SINGAPORE MAY BE INTENDED BLACK SEPTEMBER
ORGANIZATION TARGET. SWC HAS MADE SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR IMPROVED SECURITY TO GUARD AGAINST TERRORIST ATTACK AT
BOTH RESIDENCE AND CHANCERY. POST HAS ALREADY INSTITUTED
SEVERAL OF THESE AND IS IN PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTING OTHERS.
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM RSO AND RTC REQUESTED. AUGMENTED
FUNDING LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE SECURITY
ARRANGEMENTS.

2. RESIDENCE:

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A. GOS POLICE FOOT AND MOTOR PATROLS CHECK RESIDENCE COMPOUND SEVERAL TIMES DAILY. AUXILIARY POLICE GUARD SERVICE HAS BEEN CONTRACTED ON TWENTY-FOUR BASIS AT COST OF APPROXIMATELY US\$2,500 PER MONTH. CHOICE IN SINGAPORE IS BETWEEN EXPENSIVE AUXILIARY POLICE SERVICE OR LOTYACOST INEFFECTIVE INDIAN GUARDS. AFTER FIRST MONTH NEED FOR SERVICE WILL BE REASSESSED BY SWC TO DETERMINE WHETHER REDUCTION MAY BE EFFECTED.

B. CONTRACT HAS BEEN LET WITH CHUBB ALARM FOR "EARLY WARNING" ALARM SYSTEM INTERCONNECTED WITH POLICE EMERGENCY UNITS AT INITIAL INSTALLATION COST OF APPROXIMATELY US\$2,000 AND US\$300 ANNUAL RENTAL MAINTENANCE. THIS SYSTEM, IF SUCCESSFUL, WILL BE RETAINED AS PERMANENT SECURITY MEASURE.

C. REINFORCEMENT OF DOORS AND WINDOWS AND NEW LOCKS AND GRILLS, AND HEAVY-DUTY VAULT-LIKE CONSTRUCTION OF "SAFE" ROOMS FOR SANCTUARY FOR MINIMUM ONE HOUR. BATHROOM OFF MASTER BEDROOM AND STOREROOM OFF KITCHEN HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AS "SAFE" ROOMS. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED FOR CONSTRUCTION AND DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO INSTRUCT RTC HONG KONG TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE ON-SITE SUPPORT TO ADVISE WHETHER CONSTRUCTION FEASIBLE AND TO PROVIDE SUPERVISION FOR AT LEAST INITIAL STAGES.

3. CHANCERY: SWC RECOMMENDS "EARLY-WARNING-ALARM" SIMILAR TO RESIDENCE WITH AUTOMATIC ELEVATOR POWER CUT-OFF AND REARRANGEMENT GROUND-FLOOR LOBBY TO RESIST EARLY ONSLAUGHT TO PERMIT TIME TO ALERT UPPER FLOORS TO ASSUME DEFENSIVE POSTURE. DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO INSTRUCT RSO JAKARTA TO CONDUCT IMMEDIATE TWO-DAY SURVEY TO ADVISE MOST PRACTICAL MEANS DEFENDING GROUND FLOOR PERSONNEL (MSG AND STAFF) TO PERMIT TIME TO SOUND ALARM. RSO WOULD ALSO REVIEW ALL OTHER NEW SECURITY PRACTICES. (GOS HAS STATIONED ONE POLICEMAN AT CHANCERY AT POST REQUEST.)

4. BECAUSE OF URGENCY OF SITUATION POST PLANS TO MOVE AHEAD QUICKLY TO COMPLETE SWC RECOMMENDATIONS WITH INPUT FROM RTC AND RSO. ALL OTHER POST EXPENDITURES WILL BE
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HELD TO ABSOLUTE MINIMUM THIS FY TO ENABLE MAXIMUM USE OF

POST FUNDS. HOWEVER, SUPPLEMENTAL REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS MAY BECOME NECESSARY AND THE DEPARTMENT'S SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION OF SUCH REQUESTS WILL BE APPRECIATE.
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